

**Amendment No. 8 to HB1049**

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**AMEND Senate Bill No. 999**

**House Bill No. 1049\***

by adding the following language as new § 49-1-1210 in the amendatory language of Section 1:

**49-1-1210.**

(a)

(1) The department of education shall conduct a five-year longitudinal study on the achievement growth of scholarship students using data obtained from the assessments given under § 49-1-1203(a)(4). The achievement growth of a scholarship student who for any reason is not tested under § 49-1-1203(a)(4), including disenrollment from a participating school, shall be counted as "below expectations."

(2) If at the end of the study, the majority of all scholarship students who have participated in the program do not show improvement in student achievement such that the achievement growth of all scholarship students, in the aggregate, is at a level of "above expectations" or better, then the scholarship program under this part shall cease. All scholarship students shall then be permitted to return to the schools that they are zoned to attend in the LEAs in which they reside.

(b) The five-year longitudinal study shall begin when the scholarship program begins.